

# Good Roads Enthusiasts Will Meet in Richmond and Discuss Plans for Improvement of Highways

Convention Is Called to Meet in This City February 10th and 11th.

## STATE-WIDE MOVEMENT

It Will Be Longest Step Yet Taken Toward Permanently Improve Roads.

Officers and directors of the Greater Highway Association of Southeastern Virginia:

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William H. Whaley, vice-president, Norfolk.

H. L. Harwood, secretary and treasurer, Richmond.

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In order to secure permanent improvement and construction of the roads and public highways of the State a convention will be held in the city of Richmond on February 10th and 11th.

This convention will be the result of the excellent work accomplished by the Greater Highway Association of Southeastern Virginia, an association organized in Petersburg early last month, and composed of representatives of the Automobile Clubs of Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk and Suffolk, members of the Travelers' Protective Association, Chamber of Commerce of Richmond and Petersburg, prominent citizens and supervisors of the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Prince George, Sussex, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Nansemond and Norfolk.

The association soon realized the importance of the work they were engaged in, especially the size of their task, and as soon as their organization was perfected at once began to plan to enlarge their organization, with two ends in view: First, to make their association a State one, instead of sectional; second, to secure a larger State appropriation for improvement and permanent construction of important highways, and to secure adequate legislation.

The organization is meeting with approval from every section of the State, and has the endorsement of Governor Swanson, State Highway Commissioner Wilson, the commercial organizations of the State, and advocates of good roads.

Secretary H. L. Harwood is mailing out to all parts of the State the following resolutions, adopted by the board of directors of the association:

1. That the Greater Highway Association of Southeastern Virginia does hereby call a convention to meet in the city of Richmond on February 10, and 11, 1909, to consider the permanent improvement and construction of the public highways of the State.
2. That the Governor of Virginia be and he is hereby requested, to appoint delegates to said convention.
3. That the members of the City Councils, or the boards of supervisors of the counties and the boards of the counties be and they are hereby invited to attend said convention in person or to send delegates to represent them.
4. That all of the members of the Greater Highway Association of Virginia and the officers of the State government at Richmond be and they are hereby invited to attend said convention.
5. That all of the Chambers of Commerce of the cities or the State of Virginia be and they are hereby invited and requested to appoint delegates to attend said convention.
6. That the Travelers' Protective Association, the United Commercial Travelers' Association and all automobile associations in the State be and they are hereby requested to endorse by resolution the calling of this convention, and to appoint delegates to represent them at said convention.

The main feature of the Jefferson Hotel, at Richmond, has kindly tendered, free of charge, the use of its auditorium and committee rooms. It is hoped that the railroad will give special rates to persons desiring to attend this convention.

All interested in the permanent improvement of the State highways are requested to communicate with Mr. H. L. Harwood, secretary, No. 301 East Main Street, Richmond, Va. It is very important for the executive committee to know how many persons will expect to attend the convention.

In order to pay the expenses of the convention, as well as to provide a fund for a campaign of education throughout the State, membership cards are being sold at \$1 each. It is proposed that these cards be exchanged for membership cards in the State Association as soon as the present association can be merged into the new one.

A few of the legislative features that will be suggested at the convention are as follows:

Assessment of \$1 per year upon each

## LEADERS IN CAMPAIGN FOR GOOD ROADS



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of Suffolk.

member of the association, and appointment of committees to secure members and contributions from citizens, manufacturers of automobiles, vehicles, etc., this fund to be spent in employment of clerks and agents, printing and postage in conducting a campaign of education to secure the cooperation of the people of the State in behalf of the objects of the association and the passage by the Legislature of laws necessary for this purpose.

### Legislation Suggested.

The cost of building or permanently improving the greater State highways to be met as follows:

1. Forty per cent. by convict labor aid from the State of Virginia.
2. Sixty per cent. from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the counties through which the greater highways run, proportions in amount to the number of miles of such roads in any given county.

3. The interest and sinking fund on such county bonds to be paid out of the proceeds of a special license tax on automobiles of \$10 per annum on residents and \$5 per annum on non-residents, and out of the proceeds of a special license on vehicles, graduated as follows:

- On a wide-tired vehicle for one horse, 50 cents per annum.
- On a wide-tired vehicle for two horses, \$1 per annum.
- On a wide-tired vehicle for more than two horses, \$1.50 per annum.

On narrow-tired vehicles double the foregoing license charges.

The proceeds of these licenses to be paid into the Treasury of the State as a special fund for building and permanently improving greater State highways. Ten per cent. of the amount so collected each year to be available to pay the expenses of the State Highway Commission of Virginia State Highway Commission and specifications and superintending the construction of greater State highways. Ninety per cent. of the proceeds of said licenses to be held in the Treasury of the State of Virginia as a special fund with which to pay the interest and sinking fund on such county bonds as may be issued in behalf of greater State highways, with the approval of the State Highway Commissioner.

### PLANTS RESUMING.

Industrial Conditions Are Splendid in This Territory.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MEHERRIN, VA., January 9.—Since the holidays the various industries scattered here and there in this section have resumed operation, with orders for their output sufficient to keep them busy for several months. In many instances the lumber plants have been operating at full capacity for the orders of the present year, and as a result all of the small surplus labor that heretofore has drifted here and there has secured employment that will keep it busy for many months. A large portion of the surplus stock that during last year could be seen stored at the many railroad sidings as well as at the numerous plants has been disposed of until at present the lumber industry in this section is as busy as ever.

Preparations are being made to put in several new plants of this kind in this section in ample time for the summer season, and as a result of this large area of timber lands have changed hands within the past few months. The lumber industry in its various lines has been a source of large revenue to the farmers and merchants as well as the laboring class, situated in this portion of Virginia, and during the past year large sums of money were paid out during every month.

The Virginia Railway Company is rushing work on the line here, putting it in shape for regular service, which, it is reported, will be put on from Norfolk to Albemarle during the present month.

The ballast pits, located at Kenbridge and Albemarle, have been opened and since the holidays, and the track force is kept busy putting this in. The forces on the various lines are also busy in the laying of ties in order that the work may go forward as fast as possible.

The tobacco warehouses have opened up in this section after a ten days' rest, and up to this time the market has held up as strong as it was at the close. The season for the week has caused much to be prepared for the market, and it is expected that the offerings will be very heavy during the next few days.

### Cotton Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9.—The Census Bureau today reported 12,470,226 running bales of cotton ginned in the growth of 1908 to January 1st last against 9,915,000 a year ago, and 12,350 ginneries reported against 12,716 a year ago. The per-

centage of the whole crop ginned to January 1st is 90 per cent. for 1908 and 84 per cent. for 1907. The report includes 231,821 round bales and \$6,016 Sea Island for 1909. It counts round bales as half bales, and this includes Hinters. The cotton ginned to January 1, 1907 and 1908, were 11,741,039 and 9,725,426, respectively. The crops of 1906 and 1905 were 12,983,201 and 10,426,105, respectively. The running bales by States ginned to January 1st last and ginneries, respectively, follow:

	Bales	Ginneries
Alabama	1,084,224	2,497
Arkansas	911,123	2,118
Florida	56,808	255
Georgia	1,933,955	4,453
Kansas	1,084,224	2,497
and New Mexico	1,672	6
Louisiana	456,183	1,691
Mississippi	1,219,707	3,465
Missouri	52,929	73
North Carolina	616,721	2,741
Oklahoma	554,449	986
South Carolina	1,176,443	3,219
Tennessee	317,344	646
Texas	3,486,510	4,147
Virginia	12,143	11

There were 12,649 round bales and 73,425 Sea Island bales for 1908 and 256,566 round bales and 54,275 Sea Island bales for 1907.

The distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1909 follows: Florida 32,793; Georgia 14,037; South Carolina 12,181. The corrected statistics of the running bales by States ginned to December 12th last are 11,904,269 bales.

**His Bond Subscription.**

NEW YORK, January 9.—Blair & Co., William Salomon & Co., and W. A. Road & Co. and the over-subscription for the Denver and Rio Grande first and refunding is so large that it will be necessary to close the subscription at noon Monday.

**Call on Depositories.**

WASHINGTON, January 9.—The Secretary of the Treasury today announced a call upon the national bank depositories for approximately \$25,000,000 of government deposits, \$15,000,000 to be paid on or before January 23, 1909, and the remainder to be paid on or before March 1, 1909.

**Loss by Fire.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WELDON, N. C., January 9.—Fire last night destroyed the general merchandise store of T. R. Book, near Thelma. The loss is \$5,000; insurance, \$2,000.

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## TEACH FARMERS BETTER FARMING

That Is Aim of Co-operative Demonstration Work Now Being Done.

### USE OF IMPROVED METHODS

Virginia Agriculturists Rapidly Taking Up Teachings of the Experts.

MOUNT LAUREL, VA., January 9.—The aim of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work is to place a practical object lesson before the farm masses, illustrating the best and most profitable methods of producing the standard farm crops, and to secure such active participation in the demonstration as to prove that the average farmer can produce better results.

This work also shows that there is no necessity for the general deterioration of farms and the too common poverty of the rural masses. When these facts have been demonstrated, the first step in the improvement of rural conditions has been taken.

Every substantial advance in the progress of human society costs money and must be maintained by an increased earning capacity of the masses. Food and clothing are the first requirements. If the earning capacity of a people is only sufficient to supply these, progress is blocked and it is useless to insist upon better houses, more home comforts, schools, or any upward step. The problem is, are the rural masses unwilling to provide the betterments which a progressive civilization in the country demands—comfortable homes, better schools, improved home and farm equipment, good schools and more months of schooling, better highways, rural free delivery, telephones, etc.—or do they lack the means?

**Organization of Special Work.**

As organized under the bureau of Plant Industry the working force of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work consist now of one director with assistants, ten State agents and 153 district and local agents. Local agents must be practical farmers and thoroughly instructed in their duties by the State and district agents.

The campaigns for the ensuing year are planned in September and active commences in October by calling public meetings in every district to be worked, at which is shown the great advantages to all the people of increasing the crop yield two, three or four-fold, and it is made clear that this can be done by adopting better methods.

In country villages, by school teachers and merchant and the editor join with the leading farmers of the section in endorsing the progressive plans of the demonstration work; farmers agree to follow instructions, and demonstration plots of one or more acres are located so as to place a sample of the best farming in each neighborhood of a county or district.

**Will Take Up Work.**

The farmers in Halifax county have signified their intention to demonstrate with from one to five acres of corn the coming year; J. S. Newbill, H. C. Lacy, Dr. H. C. Buckitt, T. Y. Hundley, T. J. Owen, A. A. Farmer, J. M. Laws, J. L. Walden, J. L. McCormick, J. W. McCormick, S. A. McCormick, C. H. Dance, W. H. Dance, Lohr & Lanz, Robt. Lacy, J. S. Hastings, C. J. Childress, all of Scottsburg; H. Adams, Danville; H. H. Edmon, Housatonic; A. B. Wilkins, Turnerville; J. E. Thomas, Republican Grove; C. G. Pollard, R. T. Edwards, J. P. Noblin, R. E. Perkins, C. W. Salmon, Thos. Madison, all of Crystal Hill; Tom West, J. A. H. Dunn, George Hunt, T. S. Canada, T. N. Snow, J. T. Bass, W. R. Bass, Rich. John W. Hodges, T. S. Armistead, H. C. Canada, all of Lenoir; Gran Craddock, Houston; J. R. Blackstone, J. E. Conner, W. H. Dorlin, of Mount Laurel, and numerous others.

While the State agents of the Farmers' co-operative demonstration work were in Washington, September 1, 1908, arrangements were made for the year 1908-'09, they called upon Secretary Wilson, and in response to inquiries made by him the following facts were brought out: Mr. T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville, Va., State agent, reported that the demonstration work was commenced in Virginia in January, 1907. Up to this time it has been exclusively conducted in the counties south of the James River, where tobacco was the staple cash crop, under the effect of which farms had deteriorated in productive capacity and value until many farms were on the market at a short time since at \$5 to \$8 an acre. Most of the hay and corn for the work animals was imported. Two hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars' worth of hay was imported within a radius of a few miles of Burkeville in the year for home consumption.

**United Kingdom Shows Fall in Prices of Manufacturers' Materials.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9.—The fall in prices of manufacturers' materials from abroad, to which attention has been called by the annual report of the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is also apparent in the trade reports of other countries. The November Trade Report of the United Kingdom, just received by the Bureau of Statistics, shows a marked decline in the value of principal manufacturers' materials imported into that country during 1908. For example, the 101,000 tons of copper ore imported into the United Kingdom in the eleven months ending with November, 1908, was valued at \$1,023,000 sterling, while 95,000 tons imported in the correspond-

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- Choice of Every \$25.00 Suit and Overcoat, - - - \$16.50
- Choice of Every \$27.50, \$28.50, \$30 Suit and Overcoat, \$18.75
- Choice of Every \$32.50 and \$35.00 Suit and Overcoat, \$22.50

## Boys' Suits, Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Reefers

At Prices That in No Instance Cover Anything Like Actual Cost.

- Choice of every \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Suit, straight pants, including black and blue serges; choice.. \$2.45
- Choice of every \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00 Suit, straight pants .. \$3.45
- Choice of every \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Suit, Knickerbocker trousers .. \$1.95
- Choice of every \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00 Suit, Knickerbocker trousers .. \$2.95
- Choice of every \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$7.50 Suit, Knickerbocker trousers .. \$3.95
- Choice of every \$8.00, \$8.50 and \$9.00 Suit, Knickerbocker trousers .. \$4.95
- Choice of every \$10.00 and \$12.00 Suit, Knickerbocker trousers .. \$6.95
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- Choice of every \$9.00 and \$10.00 Overcoat and Reefer.. \$5.95

## Boys' Knee Pants

Not Knickerbocker—all Straight Pants.

- Choice of all 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Knee Pants, all sizes..... 37c
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- Choice of \$2.00 Manhattan Fancy Shirts .. \$1.35
- Choice of all \$1.00 Fancy Shirt Bosom Shirts .. 79c
- Choice of all \$1.00 and \$1.25 Negligee Shirts, sizes somewhat broken..... 69c
- Extra Heavy High Rock Fleece Underwear, 50c quality .. 39c
- Genuine Wool Fleece Wright's Health Underwear, \$1.00 quality .. 69c
- 500 dozen Shawl Knit Hose, all weights, including white foot and split sole; 25c everywhere; special, 17c, or 3 pairs for..... 50c
- Boys' Fleece-Lined Undershirts, no drawers; 35c quality; to close them out..... 17c
- Boys' Wright's Fleece-Lined Underwear, mostly Shirts; 50c quality, only..... 35c
- Celebrated Golden Star Children's Black Hose, sizes from 5 to 8 only; positively the quality and warranted fast dye, only..... 7c
- Boys' Essex Mills Union Underwear, all sizes, 65c quality, only .. 39c
- Boys' Essex Mills Union Underwear, all sizes, \$1.00 quality, only .. 69c
- Boys' All-Wool Underwear, Shirts and Drawers to match, all sizes, \$1.00 quality, only .. 69c
- 50c Mother's Friend and Puritan Blouse Waists, attached collar or neck band, all sizes, including plain white, a remarkable bargain, only .. 29c
- Mother's Friend and Puritan Blouse Waists and Negligee Shirts, 75c and \$1.00 quality, only .. 39c
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ing months of the preceding year was valued at \$1,221,000 sterling. The 67,000 tons of copper regulus and precipitates imported in the eleven months of 1908 was valued at \$2,386,000 sterling, while 64,000 tons imported in the same months of 1907 was valued at \$2,386,000. The 23,888 tons of tin ore imported in the eleven months of 1908 was valued at \$1,503,000 sterling, while the 18,946 tons imported in the same months of 1907 was valued at \$1,514,000. The 42,946 tons of tin in blocks, ingots and bars imported in the eleven months of 1908 was valued at \$5,701,000 sterling, while 40,859 tons imported in the same months of 1907 was valued at \$7,229,000 sterling. The 215,311 tons of pig and sheet lead imported into the country in the eleven months of 1908 was valued at \$2,951,000 sterling, while 186,213 tons imported in the same months of 1907 was valued at \$2,642,000. The 48,804 tons of hemp entering the country from the Philippine Islands in the eleven months of 1908 was valued at \$1,321,000 sterling, while only 45,615 tons brought in the same months of 1907 was valued at \$1,740,000. The 295,149 tons of jute brought into the United Kingdom, chiefly from India, in the eleven months of 1908 was valued at \$4,375,000 sterling, while the 302,583 tons, a quantity but slightly larger, brought in 1907, was valued at \$7,073,000 sterling.

### Clearing House Statement.

NEW YORK, January 9.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$22,829,000 more than the required reserve of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is an increase of \$1,743,650 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans, \$1,207,055,700; increase, \$25,000.

Deposits, \$1,358,549,500; increase, \$7,503,800.

Reserve required, \$22,557,450; increase, \$3,302,900.

Specie, \$270,120,400; increase, \$7,608,300.

Reserve, \$362,280,400; increase, \$11,106,200.

Legal tenders, \$82,151,000; increase, \$3,302,900.

Surplus, \$22,592,950; increase, \$1,735,650.

Ex-United States deposits, \$24,890,750; increase, \$1,740,450.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks to-day was 27.08. The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that these institutions have aggregate deposits of \$1,117,499,800, in cash on hand \$12,801,100, and loans amounting to \$1,055,698,700.